



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

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'Loved and Inspired by Mary

We shine and learn as a family of God'

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back and we hope you all had wonderful half terms and got to spend time together as a family.

What a busy week we have had with our Lenten Activities and our DISCO!

A huge thank you for your support. It was wonderful to see so many attend our first Lenten Breakfast and pupils certainly enjoyed our Lenten Tuck shop! This raised a wonderful £130.00 for a very special Charity BLISS. A charity very special to our School Family.



Bliss
for babies born
premature or sick

Check out this link to find out more information about this wonderful charity:

<https://www.bliss.org.uk/about-us/what-we-do>

Each Thursday we celebrate Lenten activities, which are shown on our Lenten Planner and for your convenience below and on our website- <https://www.lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Our-Lenten-Planner-2026.pdf>

Thursday 5th March	
Lenten Mass at 8.15 am at St. Mary's Followed by breakfast in the school Hall	
Dress Up as World Book Day Character	No charge for this event
Thursday 12th March	
Lenten Mass at 8.15 am at St. Mary's Followed by breakfast in the school Hall	
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FOSM Glow Disco – 26.2.26

What an amazing event we had on Thursday; our first ever GLOW DISCO with a Professional DJ- DJ Smith- Glow sticks, funky glasses and even our own Selfie station!!

It was really well attended and the smiles on the pupil's faces were a joy to see!! A HUGE thank you to all of your for supporting it, to the FOSM for organizing, shopping and to all the staff for helping on the night. This was certainly a memory maker and I have already had so many asking when the next GLOW DISCO will be!!!!



Whilst this event was to provide a new experience and lots of fun we still raised lots and after expenses, we made a FANTASTIC total of £259!!!!!!

“I loved the Glitter and the tattoos” Elma Dickison

“The games were really good. We did the limbo and the conga!” Ivory Phoneix

“I love glitter and glow sticks” Joey Picking

“I really enjoyed the Disco and the DJ was amazing! I thought the song choices were really good!” Nabila

“I had a really fun time dancing and I loved the Hoola hoop game!” Thea Koutsakostas

“I really liked the Limbo game- I was really hyped up!” William McMillan

“There was lots of lights, it was very good and I was vibing!” William Barton

“I enjoyed the music and the games we played. I loved the glitter!” Violet Jameson

“I loved the tattoos. The music was really good. I enjoyed being able to win the prizes” Emmanuel McCann







LET'S
GLOW
CRAZY





As part of our enrichment opportunities at St Mary's, as well as taking part in the Year of Reading, Class 1 and Class 2 had been set a very special challenge recently.

Class 1 had the task of drawing a picture of their family and themselves (their book will be out very soon!), and Class 2 were given a challenge to design a NEW monster in a challenge called 'Monster Mayhem', with both classes receiving a certificate, sticker and a book mark for entering. After a short wait, Class 2's book has finally been released and published.



As part of the competition, the children's work would be automatically published in the book, but at the same time, they were entered into the main competition against all of the other entries.

I've been helping my classes take part in the various competitions organised by 'Young Writers' for over 15 years now, but have never had this happen... Our very own Martha Robinson from Class 2, has been selected as one of the top 10 finalists in the whole competition, out of over 1000 entries from across the country!



This is an UNBELIEVABLE achievement! Well done Martha!

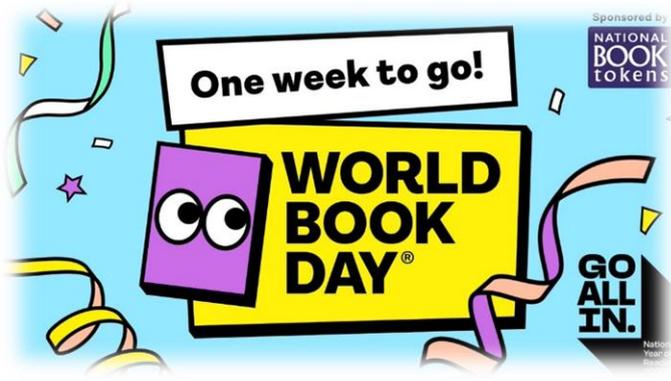
As an added bonus, all of the books that have been printed, have Martha's very own monster creation, known as 'Jet', on the front cover! If you want to see Martha's AMAZING creation, as well as the other creations from Class 2, why not visit their class at break or lunchtime!

Martha, this is an INCREDIBLE achievement! I hope you enjoy spending your book token and we all have our fingers crossed for you!

Mr C
English Co-Ordinator

Proud to support
The National Year
of Reading 2026.

**GO
ALL
IN.**



Sponsored by NATIONAL BOOK tokens

Next week, we will take part in our annual World Book Day celebrations and events to celebrate reading and this year, we will be celebrating in true St Mary's style, by taking part and completing a whole week of activities!

Everyday next week, each class will take part in a variety of events and activities to celebrate reading and books. From focused writing

sessions to story writing, to LIVE lessons and author events, the week is set to be action packed from the first day!

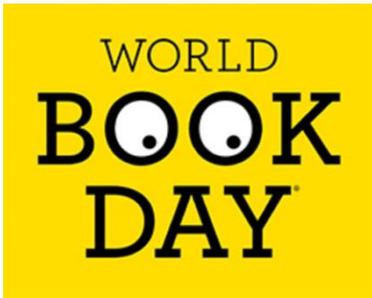


On Tuesday morning, there will



be a book sale to support St Catherine's Hospice, with a HUGE variety of books available to buy from 50p each, with a few larger, non-fiction books priced at £1. Why not buy one, two or even more

and read them with a family member, friend or by yourself! **Don't forget your spending money on Tuesday!**

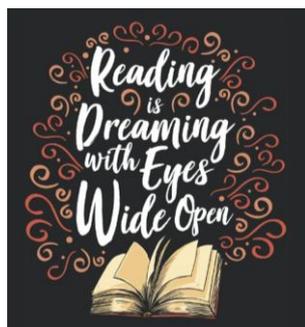
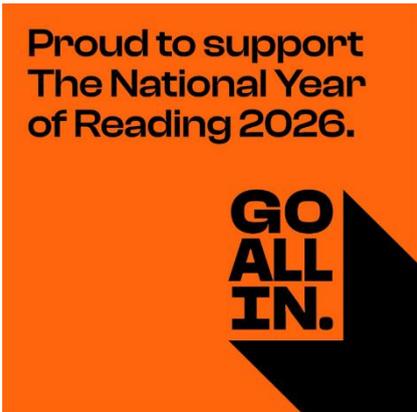


On Thursday morning, every class across school will take part in a LIVE lesson to celebrate World Book Day.

Also on Thursday, everyone will bring home their World Book Day voucher, which will allow them to exchange it for a FREE book! Check out this website to see your closest participating book seller and to see which titles are available this year!



Make sure you check on Seesaw next week, as well as our newsletter, to see what we get up to throughout the week!



Punctuality

We ask for your ongoing support to improve punctuality. School starts promptly at **8.45am** which means we expect pupils to be inside ready to commence learning at this time. Typically pupils will be brought in at 8.40 so they are in class ready to begin learning.

Anyone arriving late must be accompanied by an adult who will be required to sign the pupil in as minutes late are recorded.

Did you know?

Being 15 minutes late each day is the same as missing two weeks of school!

See our minutes lost calculator below to find out how much school you miss each year if you are late:



Residential to Hothersall Lodge – 23- 23.9.26 - Parent meeting – 25.2.26 at 3.15 pm

Thank you to all who attended the Parents meeting and all who were unable to attend should have received a pack. If you wish to secure a space please ensure the NON REFUNDABLE deposit of £50.00 is paid via Arbor no later than Friday 20th March 2026.

Parents Evening – 3.3.26

Reminder: Our Spring Parents Evening will take place on Tuesday 3rd March so please save this date and uptake this invaluable opportunity to discuss your child's progress.

I shall be present as SENCO so feel free to come and talk should you require any support or advice.



Big School Adventures

Big School Adventures runs every Thursday from 1.15 – 3.00 pm.

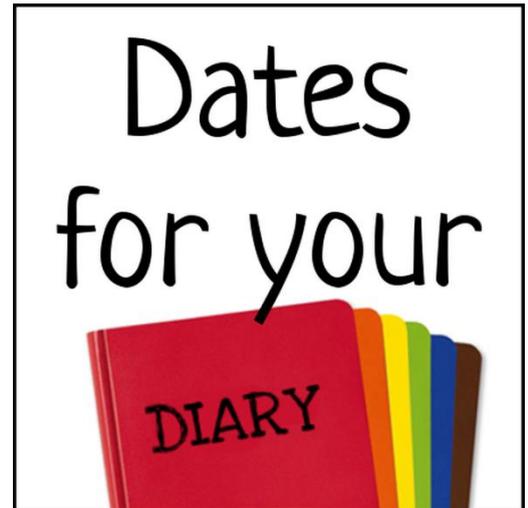
The sessions are very popular and this week we completely full so please ensure you book ahead to secure your space.

Priority will be given to those expecting to join St. Mary's in Reception September 2026

For more information or to book on please ask in the School Office or as a member of the Class 1 team.

Dates for your diary

- 3.3.26- Reception Vision checks in school (letters already issued)
- 3.3.26- Spring Parents Evening in the Hall
- 5.3.26 – Lenten Mass, Breakfast and Activities see Planner
- 5.3.26- World book day Picnic Lunch
- 10.3.26 – Class 2 School Trip – Judges Lodgings (Letters already issued)
- 12.3.26- Lenten Mass, Breakfast and Activities see Planner
- 16.3.26- Dress Rehearsals Easter Praise- Tuck shop for pupils
- 18.3.26 – Easter Praise performance at 10.00 am and 4.00 pm (Tickets and letter issued)
- 19.3.26- Lenten Mass, Breakfast and Activities see Planner
- 22.3.26 – Holy Communion 9.00 am St Mary's
- 25.3.26- School Nurse Drop in 9.00 am onwards
- 26.3.26- Lenten Mass, Breakfast and Activities see Planner
- 30.3.26- Mindful Monday in School
- 1.4.26 – Stations of the Cross in School
- 2.4.26 – School Closes for Easter at 3.15 pm



School Times

School Start 08.45 am

School Finish time 15.15 pm



PE Days

Class 1: Tue pm and Wed pm

Class 2: Tue pm and Wed pm

Class 3: Monday pm and Thursday pm

Class 4: Swimming Tuesday pm and Thurs pm



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Celebration Awards

	Faith in Action Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think Creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Miriam Okafor	Arthur Doherty	Holly Wilson
Class 2	Molly Walmsley	Matilda Beardall	
Class 3	Yahya Majeed	Meredith Holmes	William Barton
Class 4	Keon Bruney	Harry Shaw	

